By the King.

THE Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie hauing of late publiſhed a Proclamation for raiſing of the prices of his Coynes of Gold, as a prouident remedy for the ſtay of treaſure within the Realme, whereof there hath followed a good effect hath now thought good according to his princely nature and cuſtome, (which contenteth not it ſelfe, except it proceed from one degree to another, in that which is for the good of his people) to ſecond his owne cares, and to extend them further, that not onely the treaſure may bee ſtayed within the Realme, whereof the Kingdome is poſſeſſed; but alſo, that further quantitie of treaſure may by all iuſt Wayes & meanes be drawen into ỹ ſame: And hauing by graue & mature conſultation, taken knowledge of two Extreames: (ỹ conſtitution of this Kingdome conſidered ỹ one, if forraine Coyns ſhould be made currant amongſt his people: ỹ other, if al perſons which import Gold or Siluer, either in forraine Coyne or Bullion, ſhould be enforced to bring it to the Mint: His Maieſty being inclined to a courſe of mediocritie and moderation, as that, which is the part of a Wiſe King, to find out, and of a good King, to practiſe, and put in execution hath in this caſe, by the aduiſe of his Priuie Councell, and by the good liking of diuers principall Merchants, which were called to the conſultation, reſolued, reiecting the two Extreames, onely to ſet a price certaine vpon forraine Coynes and Bullion at the Mint, and to rate that price at ſuch a reaſonable proportion, as may rather inuite, then diſcourage the Merchant, or others,, to bring the ſame both into the Realme, and to his Maieſties Mint, and according to this reſolution, hath cauſed the Indenture of his Mint to bee altered and renued. Wherein it will be viſible to all men, that his Maieſtie in conſideration of the publike good and wealth of his Kingdome, is content to depart with benefite, or at leaſt, to aduenture certainties, hauing yeelded to ſet ſuch a price vpon the ſaid Bullion and forraine Coyne, as amounteth to little more then halfe of the profite, which his Maieſtie was to take for his coynage; which, whether it will be recompenſed in the quantitie, of that which may come in, is a thing caſuall and vncertaine.

But becauſe it were in vaine for his Maieſtie to expect profite at his Mint, if Merchants or Goldſmiths be permitted to ouerbuy his Maieſty, and ſo diuert ſuch as would bring the ſaid Bullion and forraine Coynes to the Mint, which likewiſe cannot but turne to the detriment of the Realme: (as in reaſon all ouerprices muſt, of any thing that is not native) Therefore his Maieſtie by the aduiſe aforeſaid, hath thought good by this preſent Proclamation to reſtraine, that the prices of the ſaid Bullion and forraine Coyne betweene Subiect and Subiect, doe not exceede his Maieſties prices at the Mint, as on the other ſide, his Maieſtie hath taken no courſe, to worke vpon his Subiects by reſtraining them to a leſſe price, then himſelfe giueth, but leaueth it indifferent, and at the election of his louing Subiects, where to reſort vpon equall benefite.

Wherefore his Maieſtie doth ſtraitly charge and command, that no perſon whatſoeuer within his Maieſties Kingdome, doe giue by way of payment, exchange, computation, or any meanes whatſoeuer directly or indirectly, for any Bullion or forraine Coyne aboue the prices hereafter rated, and that no perſon alſo doe demaund take or bargaine for aboue the ſaid pri-

ces, vpon paine of forfeiture of double value of the ſaid Bullion, or pieces of forraine Coyne, aſwell vpon the giuer as the taker, and of impriſonment, and of ſuch other penalties, as by the Lawes, and by his Maieſties Prerogatiue Royall may be inflicted vpon them. And it is to be vnderſtood, that whereas the ſaid Rates are not preciſely reduced to the fineneſſe of the ſaid pieces and Bullion; yet the ſame were guided by the valuation of the Merchants, which are beſt acquainted with the ſeuerall rates, at which they are accepted abroade, where vſe ſometimes preuaileth more, then any exact computation.

The prices of Gold which the bringers in of forreine Coines of Gold, or other Bullion of Gold to the Mint, ſhall receiue *at the Mint, which prices no other perſon ſhall exceed.*

FOr an ounce of French Crownes being xxij. Carrots fine, §iij. li. vj. s.§

For euery ounce of Spaniſh Piſtolets being xxj. Carrots, iij. grames and a halfe fine, §iij. li. vj. s.§

For Duckets of Spaine, being xxiij. Carrots, i. graine fine at leaſt the ounce, §iij. li. viij. s. viij. d.§

For Milreas. Cruſado long croſſe, Cruſado ſhort croſſe, the ounce, §iij. li. vj. s. ij. d.§

For Hungary Duckets being xxiij. Carrots, i. graine fine, at leaſt the ounce, §iij. li. ix. s.§

For the Checkeene of Venice being xxiij. Carrots, i. graine fine, at leaſt the ounce, §iij. li. x. s.§

For Barbary Gold being xxiij. Carrots, di. graine fine, at the leaſt the ounce, §iij. li. ix. s.§

¶ And if the ſaid Barbary Gold be of leſſe fineneſſe, abatement to be made according to that rate

For Sultaines being xxiij. Carrots, i. graine fine, at leaſt the ounce, §iij. li. viij. s. viij. d.§

For all other Gold being xxij. Carrots fine the ounce, §iij. li. vj. s.§

¶ And being finer, a greater price according to that rate, and being courſer a leſſe, ſo that the bringer in ſupply the leſſe fine with the more fine, in ſuch ſort that in the totall it make good the ſaid rate of xxij. Carrots fine.

The prices of Siluer which the bringers in of forreine Coynes of Siluer or other Bullion of Siluer to the Mint, ſhall receiue at the Mint, which prices no other perſon ſhall exceed.

FOr the ounce of Spaniſh Siluer, money of Ciuill, §v. s.§

For the ounce of Siluer of Mexico money, §iiij. s. x. d.§

For Ingots of Siluer being xj. ounces, ij. d. weight fine, according to the Standard of England, the ounce, § v. s. §

¶ And for other Siluer of more fineneſſe, a better price according to that rate; And for courſer a leſſe, ſo that the bringer in ſupply the leſſe fine with the more fine, in ſuch ſort that in the totall it make good the ſaid rate of xj ounces ij. d. weight fine, according to the Standard of England.

Giuen at White-hall the xiiij. day of May, in the tenth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the fiue and fourtieth.

God ſaue the King.

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